

GRAUSTARK

#158

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27 April 1968

1967U

"Fall-Winter 1909"

VENICE CHANGES HANDS FOR THIRD TIME

GERMANY (M. Miller): A St.P S A Mos; A Mos S
A Pru-War; A Pru-War; F Bal-Kie; A Ruh-
Mun; A Ber S A Ruh-Mun; F North Sea-Hol.

ITALY (Clark): A Ven-Apu; F Nap S A Ven-Apu;
F Tyr S F Nap; F Tun-Ion; F Wes-Lyo; A
Norway-Swe; F Bar-Norway; A Mar-Pie; A
Tus S A Mar-Pie.

RUSSIA (G. Heap): A Sev-Mos; A War S A Sev-
Mos; A Mun-Kie; F Hel S A Mun-Kie.

TURKEY (Beshara): A Pie-Tus; A Tyr-Ven; A
Tri S A Tyr-Ven; F Ion-Nap; F Apu S F Ion-
Nap; F Gre-Ion; F Adr & F Aeg S F Gre-Ion;
A Arm-Smy; A Ukr S RUSSIAN A Sev-Mos;
A Boh-Mun; A Sil-Ber.

Underlined moves are not possible. The retreats are:

ITALY: A Ven-Rom. TURKEY: A Pie-Tyr.

The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Den, Edi, Hol, Mos, Par, St.P. (8)

ITALY: Bre, Liv, Lon, Mar, Nap, Nor, Por, Rom, Spa, Swe, Tun. (11)

RUSSIA: Kie, Mun, Sev, War. (4)

TURKEY: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Rum, Ser, Smy, Tri, Ven, Vie. (11)

Germany could build 1 new unit, and Italy could build 2, but neither has a home supply center open. Turkey removes the army in Smyrna. The deadline for "Spring 1910" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 11 MAY 1968.

BERLIN NEWS: Russia will soon be eliminated if she continues to back a lost cause.

1968G

"Winter 1902"

Following the "Fall 1902" moves, Italy retreats F Ion-Tun and England builds a fleet in London.

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1967V

"Fall 1908"

GERMAN DEFENSES BROKEN IN THE NORTH

ENGLAND (Lebling): F North Sea-Den; F Norwegian Sea-North Sea; F Swe-Bal; F Bar-St.P(n.c.); F Norway S F Bar-St.P(n.c.).

FRANCE (Prosnitz): A Ruh-Kie; A Hol S A Ruh-Kie; A Mar holds; F Ska S ENGLISH F North Sea-Den; A Bur-Mun; F Tus-Lyo;
F Tyr holds; F Tun S F Tyr.

GERMANY (M. Thomson): A St.P-Norway; F
Bal-Swe; A Fin S F Bal-Swe; F Den-Ska;
A Kie S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Mun-Ruh.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (H. Anderson): A Mos S
GERMAN A St.P; A Mun-Ruh; A Boh-Mun;
A Tyr S A Boh-Mun; A Ven & A Pie S
TURKISH F Rom-Tus; F Alb-Tri.

TURKEY (S. Heap): F Rom-Tus; F Nap-Rom; A Apu S F Nap-Rom; F Ion-Tyr; F Adr-
Ion; F Gre S F Adr-Ion.

Underlined moves are not possible. The retreats are:

ENGLAND: F Swe-Bot.

GERMANY: A Kie-Ber, A St.P-Liv, F Den to either Hel or Bal.

The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Den, Liv, Lon, Nor, St.P. (6)

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Hol, Kie, Mar, Par, Por, Spa, Tun. (9)

GERMANY: Ber, Swe, War. (3)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Mos, Mun, Rum, Ser, Ven, Vie. (7)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Nap, Rom, Sev, Smy, Tri. (9)

The retreat of the German fleet from Barmark should be sent in along with the "Winter 1908" builds and removals, which may be made conditional upon its direction. Turkey may build three new units, and England and France may each build one. Germany must remove two units. The deadline for "Winter 1908" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 11 MAY 1968.

1968G - PRESS RELEASES

LONDON (24 December 1902): Today in the Empire of Britain was witness to one of the most outstanding social events in the history of the Empire. The Emperoar of Pollutidar is paying His first official visit to a surface nation. The entire population of the capital turned out this morning to see the triumphal parade of His Inferial

Majesty as He entered the city, accompanied by the Duchess of Westmoreland, Baron Montchauve, and numerous other dignitaries of the realm. The hundreds of thousands of people lining the route of entry cheered themselves hoarse, screaming, "Long Live Honj the Horny!" and "Yay, Pollutidar!!" His Majesty was accompanied by a splendid company of Horib cavalry, who were much cheered by the populace (while keeping a respectful distance). Later, the handsome Horibs were escorted to the Abbey of St. Albans, where a number of Christians (or felons, which is the same thing in modern England) were being held in waiting. The company commander, Captain Scrofulus, said, "The offering is excellent." After His entry into London, His Inferial Majesty was taken to the Tower, where He had a private interview with His Majesty the King-Emperor Huon. The two rulers are reported to have worked out a perfect accord for Pollutidar's just war against certain surface nations.

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Later, His Inferial Majesty was the guest of honor at a splendid banquet, at which the chief dish was tongues of peasants in Burgundy sauce, and was thereafter constantly in the company of Her Grace, the Duchess of Westmoreland.

LONDON (26 December 1902): An awkward contretemps occurred today at the London Zoo, during a visit by Emperoar Honj of Pollutidar, who was curious to compare the fauna of the Outer Crust with those of his own realm. With some members of his entourage, he paid a call on the zoo's director, Sir Hagen Beck.

When he was introduced to the Emperoar, Sir Hagen said, "Welcome to the London Zoo, Your Inferial Majesty. On behalf of the staff, I wish to thank you for the fine specimens you've brought from Pollutidar to add to our exhibits." Sir Hagen's men then proceeded to round up the Emperoar's attendants: three Coropies, two Horibs, two Garaks, and a Mahar.

The Emperoar made urgent representations to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, but some difficulty remains in settling compensation for this insult. The King-Emperor's representatives have offered to have Sir Hagen flayed alive and rolled in salt, but the Pollutidarean commissioners insist that this will spoil his flavor.

BRUSSELS (28 December 1902): The Joint Commission of Investigation, consisting of three British members (representing the Order of the Jackal, the Order of the Buzzard, and the Order of the Vulture) and three Pollutidarean members (representing the Horibs, the Amiocapans, and the Mahars), and chaired by the Honorable Skrtch the Lousy One, today released its Report on Certain Events in Belgium. The report considered rumors that certain Horibs actually cooked meat before eating it, thus departing from the ways of their ancestors (a capital crime in both Pollutidar and Britain). While the Commission agreed that the cooking took place, it determined that the meat involved was not Belgian, but Frencianan. "Everybody knows," said Baron Rupert de Skwawk, Grand Master of the Order of the Buzzard, "that Peerists are not only worthless raw, they are positively poisonous. They still have all the nutritive value (and taste) of raw rubber when cooked, but they are not poisonous. The Horibs were hungry, and the Peerist swine (I use the term figuratively, of course) were the only thing available. And I do mean thing. Really! Those poor Horibs; having to eat Frencians (yech). Naturally, we absolved them from all blame. We also recommended a diet of nice fat Belgians to make up for the horrible necessity forced upon those splendid soldiers."

LONDON (1 January 1903): The London Stock Exchange opened today amid severe criticism at home and abroad. The London Exchange is the only one in Europe which does not engage in price-fixing practices to insure that the local national currency is bought and sold at artificially inflated prices (for which the Peeris Gold Market, e. g., is well known). The latest currency quotations (based on current payment for one ounce of gold):

AUSTRIA: 100 schillings
 ENGLAND: 2 pounds sterling
 FRANCE: 1173 peerimarks
 GERMANY: 5 Reichsmarks
 ITALY: 112 Lire
 JAPAN: 10 yen

POIERKAGG: 57 Liroubmarks
 POLLUTIDAR: 23 skags
 RUSSIA: 28 rubles
 TURKEY: 80 eski-lira
 U. S. A.: 35 dollars

Observers here feel that the only free currency exchange in Europe may adversely affect the value of the pound, as it has already affected the value of the almost worthless French peerimark (worth roughly, at present, about 3¢ U. S.).

ST. PEERIGRAD (undated): The recent chorus of obscenities out of Rantoul, Illinois is proving offensive to our ears. Surely someone of Mr. Walker's talents can come up with more than a chorus of lines that would not do credit to Henry Miller or James Baldwin.

KOARSAR, POLLUTIDAR: His Inferial Majesty Honj the Horny, Emperoar of Pollutidar, addressed the Representative Diet on the state of war preparations against the noisy inhabitants of the Outer Crust, whose wars cause such a great racket that the inhabitants of the Inner Crust find it difficult to get any sleep.

"A great invasion of the Outer Crust is now under way," the Emperoar told the audience of the diverse races of Pollutidar. "A simultaneous attack will be launched through both the polar openings between the Inner and Outer Crusts, as well as through several caverns. Five thousand Thipdars under Mahar officers will fly through one of these caverns and emerge near Mt. Brocken in Germany. A fleet of Mezop ships under the leadership of Nein, King of Anoroc will sail through the North Polar opening and attack Novaya Zemlya and other strategically located Russian possessions. Three thousand cave men under the leadership of Yecch the Disgusting One will emerge from the Sudeten Mountains and march on Vienna. Two squadrons of Herib cavalrymen mounted on pedigreed Gorobors are already in Belgium, and will proceed to ravage France. One thousand Thuriens mounted on Lidi will march out of the crater of Vesuvius and occupy Italy. And a division of infantry from the Xexot city of Peeri-peeri will descend from caves in the Taurus Mountains and conquer Turkey."

"What about the English?" shouted an Azarian delegate. Other Azarians took up the cry, with a chant of "Fee, fi, fo, fum!"

"The Empire is currently negotiating with the King-Emperor Huon concerning a deadly insult against certain Pollutidarean envoys in London," the Emperoar replied, but did not give further details.

PEERI-PEERI, POLLUTIDAR: Emperoar Honj the Horny looked on as Lo-Rench, Go-sha of the Xexot city of Peeri-peeri ordered his yellow-skinned soldiers into the cavern which leads to Turkey.

"Go get 'em, men!" the Go-sha shouted in encouragement. "By Pyu, we'll show them that Xexots are yellow to the core! Get a move on, you! The last man into that tunnel will be exiled to the swamps of Canarsie!"

"Why would you do that?" the Emperoar asked the Go-sha.

"Oh, that's an old military custom among our people," the Go-sha replied. "Haven't you ever heard of 'Last Xexot to Brooklyn'?"

CALL-UP OF THE RESERVES *

The country rings around with loud alarms,
 And raw in fields the rude militia swarms;
 Mouths without hands, maintained at vast expense,
 In peace a charge, in war a weak defence.
 Stout once a month they march, a blustering band,
 And ever, but in time of need, at hand.
 This was the morn when, issuing on the guard,
 Drawn up in rank and file, they stood prepared
 Of seeming arms to make a short essay,
 Then hasten to be drunk, the business of the day.

* by John Bryden,
 retitled by the
 editor

COMMUNICATIONS RESTORED WITH GERMANY

Jack Chalker has informed the Gamesmaster that his "Fall 1902" did not arrive because he was called up with the National Guard during rioting in Baltimore.

The Austro-Hungarian "Fall 1902" move "F Aeg-Smy" was through an oversight not printed in GRAUSTARK #157. However, the Austro-Hungarian occupation of Smyrna was recorded in the supply center listings.

"Winter 1902" builds and removals are:

ENGLAND (H. Anderson): Builds F Lon, F Liv.	AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Latimer): Builds A Vie,
FRANCE (Maloney): Removes F Spa(s.c.).	A Tri.
GERMANY (Chalker): Builds A Kie.	RUSSIA (Grayson): Builds A Mos.
ITALY (M. Thomson): no change	TURKEY (White): Builds A Ank.

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PARIS: Perfidious Albion!

PARIS: Rumors swept the Bourse that Marseilles would be evacuated and given to Italy, and that Paris would be turned over to Germany in order to prevent the spread of English colonial power.

THE ADVENTURES OF SECRET AGENT O-O-HATE

Chapter LI

"Now this is the situation," said Mac, the chief of the hypersecret group whose most dedicated field agent was O-O-Hate. "As you all know, our agency was founded in 1945 by the late James Forrestal, at a time of grave danger for the ancient and honorable institution of war. In that year it appeared that the Sinister Forces of World Peace were about to take over the world. I scarcely need tell you what tragedies that would bring about, as I'm sure you've all read the Iron Mountain Report. A decline of the stern old martial virtues, an unwillingness by people to do as they're told, economic collapse as war industry declines, and a deterioration of the social cohesiveness which always shows itself to best advantage in wartime."

"So our agency was formed, to bear the brunt of the battle against the International Pacifist Conspiracy. For almost a quarter-century we have steered official and public opinion in the direction of war. To this end, it is quite important to get the President on our side. As an indication of our success, it is sufficient to note that every President since 1945 has been an officer in the armed forces."

"But if the President's nerve fails him, and he comes under the influence of pacifist plotters - well, gentlemen and Miss Foo, we're in trouble. And that's what has happened now!"

"Do you mean," O-O-Hate asked, with a tremolo in his usually steady voice, "that the President has become a Pacifist?"

"Not overtly," Mac replied, "but he seems to be losing interest. According to the tap we keep on his telephones, he just doesn't get the same kick out of the bombing reports as he used to."

"Golly!" said O-O-Hate's teen-age assistant Burner. "If this goes on, what'll become of the American Way of War!"

"We think we have one lead on the problem," Mac went on. "Miss Foo, will you make your report?"

Foo Chay, the exotically beautiful Eurasian girl in charge of security, took a sheaf of notes from her cleavage. The dedicated men of the agency stared intently at the items she disclosed.

"I've been questioning members of the White House staff about anything unusual that might have happened about the time the President began to lose interest in the war," she said. "And there is one suspicious circumstance. Beginning then, and continuing every few days, a big truck has entered the gates and unloaded an unknown cargo directly into the White House basement!"

"There's your job, O-O-Hate!" Mac said. "You and Burner trace that truck, and find out what's in it and where it comes from!"

(continued on the next issue)

THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

LAWRENCE PERRY, 4567 Virginia Ave., San Diego, Calif. 92115: Perhaps I should make some comments on the use of Slovenia in a Diplomacy game, or at least a mail game. ((See GRAUSTARK #157, p. 10.)) I have used at least one such possibility in 1967 AM, or X-11 in Xenogonic. The game, which is now going into the Spring of 1905, has been an interesting one for several reasons; one of which is the addition of a province called (in all modesty) Peerijavo, in much the same manner as Slovenia is used in some of the eastern cities. The idea was first suggested to me by Tom Griffin, although Gene Prosnitz and John Beshara had almost the same idea at the same time. One vital difference between their version and mine was that Peerijavo is a supply center; whereas Slovenia is not. I hope when X-11 is through to run a mail game with a non-supply center in the same location. Certainly with Peerijavo as a supply center it immediately became a bone of contention between Italy (Thomas Griffin) and Austria (Anders Swenson). In spite of this Turkey never really got rolling in the game (as you might have expected with Austria moving to seize Peerijavo) but has fallen before the dominant Russo-Austrian Alliance that has been the main factor in the game. Russia already has 12 units (Fall 1904) and should get more soon. France is right behind with 10 (due mostly to the inactivity of England) but both Jack Greene (Russia) and Greg Long (France) have done very well. Meanwhile, Italy and Austria appear to be deadlocked; as much a result of missed moves, builds, etc. as any tactical situation. Certainly in this game it would appear that Slovenia-Peerijavo as a supply center has not been the dominant factor. It will be interesting to see if Slovenia-Peerijavo as a non-supply center will play a greater or lesser importance in the game.

((Hmmm - if you follow the usual abbreviation of provinces by the first three letters of their names, you'd get such moves as A Tri-Pee.))

MICHEL FERON, 7 Grand-Place, Hannut, Belgium: I had already heard about Diplomacy, but I was very, very happy to read all the details you gave me - it's a very fascinating game. Perhaps you could get me a game board and the needed wooden armies and fleets, as well as a copy of the regulations of the game. I already spoke about Diplomacy to other French and Belgian fans. They were very, very interested. Perhaps one day I'll be able to play in a US postal game.

((Diplomacy is being marketed in England; I have seen advertisements for it in the British satirical magazine Private Eye. I understand that, for some reason, it is particularly popular among members of the staff of the BBC. Rules and a map are under way.))

DR. GEORGE I. GRAYSON, 649 E. 14th St., New York, N. Y. 10009: I must issue a build order that is conditional. IF the rules allow for a winter build in a province left vacant in the fall because of a standoff, THEN I wish to take the available build ((in 1968J)) as an army in Moscow. BUT IF the rules do not allow such a build, I have available only an army in Warsaw.

((The rulebook is quite clear on this point, as it is on most of the "dubious" points which are presented to me for adjudication. In fact, arranging a stand-off to leave a supply center free for a build is one of the oldest defensive strategies in Diplomacy. I have heard Allan Calhamer recommend it several times.))

R. C. WALKER, 1611 Lowry Dr., Rantoul, Ill. 61866: That editorial ((in The Augustan)) that you mentioned ((in GRAUSTARK #157)) was meant for me. I am very much for the establishment of monarchy in the U. S., on English or Scandinavian lines, using either a distinguished native House such as the Kennedys, or His Royal Highness the Duke of Windsor, who would be styled King Edward II of America.

((Perhaps we could get King Baldwin of Belgium, or Crown Prince Karl of Sweden, either of whom might be given his release by his own country. Or, since a modern king of a democracy should have absolutely nothing to do with politics, we could elevate our former President-Fainéant, Dwight D. Eisenhower. His equally colorless son John could succeed him, and his grandson David could be married to Princess Anne of Great Britain, who is about the same age.))

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE GRAND DUCHY OF BEAUCOILLON - XXIV

After the defeat of Napoleon, a "Holy Alliance" was formed among Austria, Russia, and Prussia to prevent the rise of other revolutionary movements. Needless to say, most of the policy decisions of the Holy Alliance were made around the gaming tables of Beaucoïllon.

In 1847, the Russian Ambassador to Beaucoïllon was Count Oblowoff, one of the long succession of vigorous and flamboyant men to hold that title. While pouring gold rubles out on the roulette table, he discussed with Baron Gallstein of Prussia and the Austrian Duke of Ischitbay. Both men were concerned about the growth of revolutionary sentiment in their countries.

"Bah!" Oblowoff roared. "These rebels are by no means as horrendous as you make them sound! Gentlemen, we represent the Ruling Class. If the Ruling Class maintains an international solidarity in defense of its rights - if we organize elite cadres to provide leadership where it is needed - if we recall that we have everything to lose, and nothing to gain but chains - we shall win!"

As he concluded his remarks by sweeping in a heap of winnings, Oblowoff observed that his words had been attentively heard not only by the other noblemen but also by a young waiter. "Well, serf, what are you goggling at?" the Russian roared. "If you eavesdrop on your betters, I shall get you fired!"

Oblowoff was as good as his word. The next day he spoke with Grand Duke Cosimo X, and the waiter, an obscure German named Marx, was fired.

LEGENDARY BEAST OF THE JUNGLE

With keen awareness the jungle beast
discovered an M-16
And even his primitive brain could tell
he'd found a fine machine.
By aping those around him
he learned quickly how to shoot
and the general leaped with joy
for he had found a new recruit.
They gave him all the ammo
he could carry on his back
and to the battle sent him fast
to spearhead the attack.
Well the primate was delighted
with his nihilistic toy
and he soon became a marksman
who fulfilled his task with joy.

He was the greatest green beret
the free world ever saw;
he killed hundreds more civilians
than anyone before.
But alas he too was mortal
and when the napalm dropped
Egad! This mighty warrior
was (accidentally) stopped.
They buried him with honors
This democrat of fame
but they could not mark his tombstone;
the gorilla had no name!
"We must give him one posthumously"
read the Chief's communique.
With honor and respect they carved
"Here lies an L. B. J."

- R. Iavir, East Village Other

WARGAMING TOURNAMENT ANNOUNCED

Dan Evans, 3405 Westchester, Bakersfield, Calif. 93309, announces "the largest wargaming tournament and the first one which gives its entire entry fee to charity". The tourney will be conducted by mail, and will have two divisions, one for Diplomacy and one for Avalon-Hill and Gamescience games. Entry fees for either division are \$1.00; in addition, all players must send a 6¢ stamp with each move. Fourteen prizes have been donated in the Diplomacy division, and fifteen in the other. Prizes include Avalon-Hill and Gamescience games, and subscriptions to various wargaming publications including GRAUSTARK. All proceeds go to the March of Dimes. For further information write to Dan Evans at the above address.

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THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Rudolph Dirks, originator of the famous "Katzenjammer Kids" comic strip, died at the age of 91 on Saturday 20 April 1968. This strip began in 1897, and is the longest-running comic strip in existence.

GRAUSTARK readers will probably recognize the Katzenjammer Kids, Hans and Fritz, as the originals of "Prince Johann and Prince Friedrich" who have appeared in several press releases in this and other postal Diplomacy publications. This was not the first time that they were the subjects of plagiarism; Mr. Dirks himself borrowed them from "Max und Moritz", the creations of Wilhelm Busch, the inventor of the comic strip.

Mr. Dirks, a native of the Germany whose attitudes and accents the Katzenjammers caricatured, collaborated with his son John during the last 15 years. John Dirks will continue the strip. A rival strip, "The Captain and the Kids", was also Dirks' creation. In 1912 he moved from the Hearst to the Pulitzer chain, but Hearst retained the original name and hired another cartoonist.

Not many people are aware of the fact that the Captain is not the boys' father. In the very earliest years of "The Katzenjammer Kids" their father was in evidence, but he apparently succumbed to their pranks. Ever since, the kids and Mamma Katzenjammer (the word is German for "hangover") have lived on a tropical island. "Der Captain" and "Der Inspector" reside there also, along with a prim tutor named Miss Twiddle, a brat kid named Rollo Rhubarb, and Rollo's sister Lena. (All these persons found places in the "Prince Johann and Prince Friedrich" press releases.)

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Charles and Jane Wells, veteran Diplomacy players and publishers of Lonely Mountain, will move on 1 May 1968. Their new address will be 3021 Washington Blvd., Cleveland, Ohio 44118.

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The successful attempt on the life of Martin Luther King, and the unsuccessful attempt on Rudi Dutschke, are not the only assaults made in recent weeks on opponents of war. On the evening of Saturday 30 March, an attempt was made on the life of Murray Kempton, a New York Post columnist who has been an outspoken opponent of war, and is a candidate for delegate to the Democratic National Convention on a McCarthy ticket. The gunman came to Mr. Kempton's apartment and attempted to kill him, but his pistol misfired. The assailant fled after a struggle.

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The relationship of the sciences to the other branches of human knowledge has been a topic of interest from Swift's Battle of the Books down to the present debate on the "Two Cultures". For those people interested in following up current aspects of the philosophy of science, a reading list is now available from the American Association of Physics Teachers. It contains 113 references to books on the history, sociology, and philosophy of science, and is a valuable bibliography for persons seeking more information on these topics. Your editor has several copies of this bibliography on hand, and will mail one to anyone sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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LEFTOVERS #4 is running an essay contest for anti-Communists. Readers of this political persuasion are asked to write essays, of 2500 words or less, on the topic "Why the New York state law, preventing a Communist from getting a driver's license, is justified in view of the menace of Communism." The contest deadline is 1 June 1968. For further information, send 10¢ for a copy of LEFTOVERS #4.

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This publication is not edited under the supervision of Bangs Leslie Tapscott.

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Back issues of GRAUSTARK are available at 10¢ each, or 15 for \$1.00, from the editor. All back issues from #101 are still available, but some are running low owing to a recent demand from new players. Many issues prior to #101 are also on hand, going as far back as #44. Write for details.

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GRAUSTARKS #159 and #160 will be mailed out only to players and stand-bys. Other players will receive these issues and #161 at the same time, after the publication of #161. Anticipated publication dates are: #159, 11 May 1968; #160, 25 May 1968; #161, 8 June 1968.

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The publishers of Marsovia and Cerebral Nebula have sent current issues of these publications, so obviously they're still in existence. So are Armageddonia and Miskatonic University.

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As for International Enquirer - Clifton Ollila will be married to Janet Anderson on 4 May 1968. Our congratulations go to them both. But it appears that IE will be further delayed. Owell.

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Altogether, five sets of moves came in for Russia in 1968J, "Fall 1902":
 George Grayson: A Pru-Ber; F Swe-Den; F Sev-Rum.
 Margaret Gemignani: A Pru-War; F Swe-Norway; F Sev holds.
 Hal Naus: A Pru-Ber; F Swe-Bal; F Sev-Arm.
 Kevin Roark: A Pru-War; F Swe holds; F Sev S. TURKISH F Rum.
 Georg Schelz: A Pru-Liv; F Swe-Bot; F Sev holds.
 Dr. Grayson's moves came in first, so he is now playing Russia in that game. Your Gamesmaster finds it worthy of comment that no two players gave the same moves to any two pieces, and that five different moves were submitted for the fleet in Sweden.

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John Mansfield sends in a new game called Convention, invented last year by Erwin S. ("Filthy Pierre") Strauss, a Boston science-fiction fan. It models a U. S. presidential nominating convention. Details of this game, as well as another game on the same topic from Games Research, will be described in future issues of GRAUSTARK.

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The publication date of GRAUSTARK #159 coincides with the Disclave, a science-fiction convention scheduled for Washington. If the Gamesmaster attends, you may get your copy of GRAUSTARK a little late.

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"I'm Charlie the Ombudsman,
 I'm Charlie the Ombudsman,
 I'm strong as atomics
 'Cause I read old comics,
 I'm Charlie the Ombudsman."

- R. C. Walker, Costaguana 3, 5

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